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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MORG, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: LOCAL POLICE, MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY FORCES

1. FOLLOWING IS DAO'S INFORMATION ON COMMANDO AND CITIZEN
FORCE UNITS. DAO CAUTIONS THAT THIS DATA WAS OBTAINED IN
1977 AND WAS PROVIDED BY SADF SOURCES.

2. (S) LOCATION AND STRENGTHS OF CITIZEN FORCE UNITS:
NAME LOCATION CAPABILITY EST. STRENGTH

REGIMENT ERONGO	WINDHOEK	INFANTRY	500
REGIMENT KARRAS	WINDHOEK	INFANTRY	500
REGIMENT NAMUTONI	NAMUTONI	INFANTRY	500
REGIMENT WINDHOEK	WINDHOEK	ARMORED CAR	500
16 FIELD ENGINEER SQDN	WINDHOEK	ENGINEER	150
20TH SIGNAL SQDN	WINDHOEK	SIGNAL	150
14TH AMBULANCE UNIT	WINDHOEK	MED. EVAC.	75
37TH FIELD WORKSHOP SQDN.	WINDHOEK	MAINTENANCE	150

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TOTAL 2,525

3. (S) LOCATION OF COMMANDO UNITS:
COMMANDO UNITS
BETHANJEN, ETOSHA, GROOTFONTEIN, GOBABIS, KARASBURG,
KEETMANSHOOP, KHOMAS HOCHLAND, LUDERITZ, MALTAHOEE,
MARIENTAL, NORTHERN SWA (OTJIWARONGO), OKAHANDJA,

OMARURU, ORANJEMUND, OTAVI, OUTJO, REHOBOTH, SUID-NAMIB (UNK), SUID-NASSOP (UNK), SOUTHERN SWA (KEETMANSHOOP), STORMBERG, SWAKOPMUND, WALVIS BAY, WATERBURG, WINDHOEK-EASTYN WINDHOEK-WEST.

COMMANDO GROUPS
CENTRAL COMMANDO GROUP, SOUTHERN COMMANDO GROUP, HQS,
30TH COMMAND GROUP.

4. (S) COMMANDO SIZE IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE. BY
USING AN ESTIMATE OF 125 MEN PER UNIT WE ARRIVE AT A
TOTAL OF 1875 MEN. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER WE WOULD ACCEPT FOR
COMMANDO STRENGTH IS 4,000.
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